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Location: 1508 Maryville Pike Knoxville, TN	Client	Client Contact: Beth Walden				Telephone: 404-562-8814		
EPA I.D. No. TN0002318277	Prepa	red B	y: Sandra I	larrigan	·		Date: Fe	bruary 28, 2006
Project No. 05-003-001	Date o	of Act	ivities: Mar	ch 1 and	2, 20	06		
Objectives: The objective of this project is to conduct an on-site reconnaissance of Smokey Mountain Smelter Site. Activities will include photographing site features, and observing drainage routes from the site to nearby swater bodies. Initial Site information The site consists of an inactive aluminum smelter and an inactive fert barren and partially wooded. The site consists of large industrial prod Some of the on-site buildings have partially collapsed. The facility util powder, fertilizers, and medicine. An aluminum smelter also operated	of the the urface cess bui	Site	Type: Che Active Inactive Secured Unsecured The proper, a 25 x 100	ty is abou	ny as	applicable. Landfill Railroad Uncontrolled Controlled	te piles loc	ated throughout the property.
Wind Speed and Direction (Approach from upwind):	Temper	ature	(°F):	Precipitat	tion:	Forecast	:	Precipitation:

Note: A detailed site sketch is provided on Page 9 of 12.

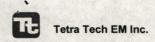




Initial Isolation and Protective Action Distances: Use the "2000 Emergency Response Guidebook" (ERG)									
	Initial Isolation Distance: This zone should extend in all directions; 660 feet for unknown hazards and 0.5 mile for tanker truck or rail car incidents. NOTE: Keep a maximum distance away for unknown sites until the identity of the material(s) are determined.								
Subsequent Isolation NOTE: Distance at site					g results.				
Waste Type:	Liquid	Solid	Sludge	Gas	Unknown				
applicable.	S: Field screening a Corrosive Toxic Inert Ignitable	ind/or Hazcat [™] test i	rnay be used to ide Flammable Volatile Reactive Radioactive	entify if product-specific	information is not available. Check as many as Unknown Peroxide forming Other (specify) Other (specify)				
Oxyger Radiolo Underg Surface	tress tress tress tion or fire hazard n deficiency ogical hazard ground storage tanks			Overhead utilities Confined space(s) Noise Biological hazard Inorganic chemicals Organic chemicals Heavy equipment Other (specify)					
Explosion or Fire Pote	ntial: High	Medium	⊠ Low	Unknown					



Chemical Product	ts Tetra Tech EM Inc. Will !	Jse or Store On Site: (Attach a Material	Safety	Data Sheet [MSDS] for each item	า.) _	
☐ Alconox® or t	Liquinox®	Calibration gas (Methane)		Hexane		Isopropyl alcohol
Hydrochloric	acid (HCI)	Calibration gas (Isobutylene)		Household bleach (NaOCI)		Hazcat™ Kit
☐ Nitric acid (H	INO ₃)	Calibration gas (Pentane)		Sulfuric acid (H ₂ SO ₄)		Mark I Kits (number?)
Sodium hydro	oxide (NaOH)	Hydrogen gas		Acetic acid		Other (specify) None
Check as many as SWP 6-1 - SWP 6-2 - SWP 6-3 - SWP 6-4 - SWP 6-5 - SWP 6-6 - SWP 6-7 - SWP 6-8 - SWP 6-9 - SWP 6-10 - SWP 6-11 - SWP 6-12 -	General Safe Work Practice Control of Hazardous Energ Safe Drilling Practices Excavation Practices Working Over or Near Water Hot Work Practices Special Site Hazards Safe Electrical Work Practices Portable Ladder Safety Drum and Container Handling Shipping Dangerous Goods Flammable Hazards and Ign Spill and Discharge Control Heat Stress Cold Stress Biohazards Underground Storage Tank Working Safely with Hydrazi Working Safely with Benzen Radiation Safety Practices Hydrographic Data Collection Permit-Required Confined S Non-Permit-Required Confined S No	s y Sources (Lockout/Tagout) es es es ition Sources Practices Practices ne e e n pace ed Space Fuel Product Hazards ures of Air Purifying Respirators	Bas	Initial 40 Hour Training 8-Hour Supervisor Training (one Current 8-Hour Refresher Traini Current Medical Clearance (incli Current First Aid Training (minim Current CPR Training (minimum er Specific Training Confined Space Training Level A Training Radiation Training Atropine (Nerve Agent Antidote) Other	e-time) ng uding r num 1 n 1 Tetr	respirator use) Tetra Tech employee on site) ra Tech employee on site) or Training



Materials Present or Suspected at Site	Highest Observed Concentration (specify units and media)	Exposure Limit (specify ppm or mg/m³)	IDLH Level (specify ppm or mg/m³)	Primary Hazards of the Material (explosive, flammable, corrosive, toxic, volatile, radioactive, biohazard, oxidizer, etc.)	Symptoms and Effects of Acute Exposure	Photo-ionization Potential (eV)
Aluminum	96,000 mg/kg	PEL = 15 mg/m ³ REL = 5 mg/m ³ TLV =	NE	Explosions	Irritate eyes and respiratory system	
Antimony	13 mg/kg	PEL = .5 mg/m ³ REL = .5 mg/m ³ TLV =	50 mg/m³	Explosion	Irritate eyes, skin, nose, throat	
Arsenic	11 mg/kg	PEL =0.010 mg/m ³ REL = .002 mg/m ³ TLV =	5 mg/m³	Toxic	Ulceration of nasal septum	
Cadmium	15.6 mg/kg	PEL =.005 mg/m³ REL = TLV =	9 mg/m³	Toxic	Inhalation and respiratory problems	
Chromium	112 mg/kg	PEL = 1 mg/m ³ REL = .5 mg/m ³ TLV =	250 mg/m³	Toxic	Inhalation, ingestion, skin/eye contact problems	
Copper	42,000 mg/kg	PEL = .1 mg/m³ REL = TLV =	100 mg/m³		Inhalation and skin/eye contact problems	
Lead	29,500 mg/kg	PEL =.05 mg/m ³ REL = .05 mg/m ³ TLV =	100 mg/m³		Inhalation, ingestion, contact with eyes/skin problems	
		PEL = REL = TLV =				

Information Source(s): NIOSH Pocket Guide

Note: Use the following short forms to complete the table above.

A = Air CARC = Carcinogenic eV = Electron volt GW = Groundwater

IDLH = Immediately dangerous to life or health mg/m³ = Milligram per cubic meter NA = Not available

NE = None established

PEL = Permissible exposure limit ppm = Part per million REL = Recommended exposure limit

S = Soil

SW = Surface water TLV = Threshold limit value

U = Unknown



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LEVEL-TWO HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

Field Activities Covered Under This Plan:							_		_	
		-			Level of I	Protection				
- Task Description	Task Description		Pri	imary		+	Cont	ingency		Date of Activities
1 site walk through		A	□В	c	_ 🛛 D		В	⊠c	D	
2 observing drainage routes to nearby surface water		A	В	□ c	⊠ p	☐ A	В	⊠ c	D	
3		□ A	□в	□ c	D	A	□в	С	D	
4		A	□в	c	D	A	□в	c	D	
5		A	В	c	_ D	A	В	С	D	
Site Personnel and Responsibilities (include subcontractor	rs):									,
Employee Name and Office Code	Ta	sk(s)					Res	ponsibilitio	es	
Sandra Harrigan	Site walk through; obser	rve drainaç	ge routes	•	activities,	makes site ents and p	safety cod	ordinator (S	SC) aware	t investigation of pertinent project ons with client as
					equipment personnel personnel implement from antic	t (PPE) is , suspends are or ma ts the heal ipated con	available, e investigati y be expos th and safe	inforces pro ive work if hed toan imr ty plan, and cribed in th	oper utilization ne or she be mediate hea d reports an	ate personal protective on of PPE by orsite lieves that site Ith hazard, y observed deviations I safety plan to the
	4444444444			•	team lead	er, and SS	C, and folk	ows all prod	ed by the pr cedures and and Safety	

Note: 1 See next page for details regarding levels of protection



Task	Primary Level of Protection (A,B,C,D)	PPE Component Description (Primary)	Contingency Level of Protection (A, B, C, D)	PPE Component Description (Contingency)
1	D	Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material(s): Boot material: Other:	С	Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material(s): Boot material: Other:
2		Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material: Boot material: Other:		Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material(s): Boot material: Other:
3		Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material(s): Boot material: Other:		Respirator type: Cartridge type (if applicable): CPC material: Glove material(s): Boot material: Other:
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Notes:

All levels of protection must include eye, head, and foot protection.

CPC = Chemical protective clothing
Thermoluminescent Dosimeter (TLD) Badges must be worn to all field activities. TLDs must be worn under CPC.



Monitoring Equipment: (Specify in	strument	s needed for each task; attach additional s	heets as necessary)			
Instrument	Task		Action Guideline		Comments	
Combustible gas indicator model:		0 to 10% LEL	Monitor; evacuate if confined space			Not needed
	2 3	10 to 25% LEL	Potential explosion hazard; notify SSC			
	4 5	>25% LEL	Explosion hazard; interrupt task; evacuate site; notify SSC			
Oxygen meter model:		>23.5% Oxygen	Potential fire hazard; evacuate site			Not needed
	[∐ 2	23.5 to 19.5% Oxygen	Oxygen level normal	1		
	│	<19.5% Oxygen	Oxygen deficiency; interrupt task;	1		
	 		evacuate site; notify SSC			
Radiation survey meter model:	1	Normal background	Proceed	•	Annual exposure not to exceed 1,250mrem per	<u> </u>
		Two to three times background	Notify SSC]	quarter	Not needed
		>Three times background	Radiological hazard; interrupt	1		
	3		task; evacuate site; notify Health	١.	Background reading must be taken in an area	
			Physicist		known to be free of radiation sources.	
	5			1		
Photoionization detector model:	□ 1	Any response above background to 5		•	These action levels are for unknown gases or	
11.7 eV	2	ppm above background	Level B is recommended	}	vapors. After the contaminants are identified,	Not needed
10.6 eV		> 5 to 500 ppm above background	Level B		action levels should be based on the specific	
I = ::::	□ 3	> 500 ppm above background	Level A		contaminants involved.	
∐ 10.2 eV						
9.8 eV	 					
eV	-				•	
Flame ionization detector model:		Any response above background to 5		•	These action level are for unknown gases or	Not needed
		ppm above background	Level B is recommended	4	vapors. After the contaminants are identified,	Not needed
1	~ 3	>5 to 500 ppm above background	Level B	4	action levels should be based on the specific	
		>500 above background	Level A	1	contaminants involved.	
	5					
Detector tube models:	1	Specify:	Specify:	•	The action level for upgrading the level of	[7]
		< 1/2 the PEL			protection is one-half of the contaminant's PEL. If	Not needed
	_	> ½ the PEL		1	the PEL is reached, evacuate the site and notify a	
	[l l		safety specialist	
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	5				•	
Other (specify):	1	Specify:	Specify:			Not needed
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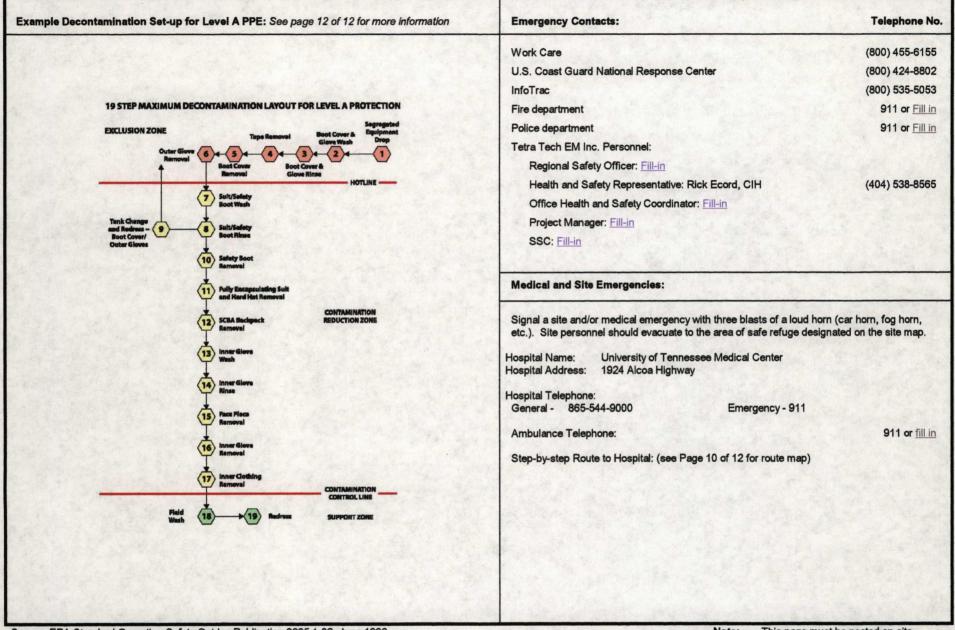
eV= electron volt LEL=Lower explosive limit

mrem=Millirem

PEL=Permissible exposure limit

ppm=Part per million

Level C may be acceptable forcertain tasks in some situations. If you are uncertain whether Level C is appropriate, consult the Regional Safety Officer. Additionally, when working with unknown respiratory hazards, Level C cartridge must provide protection for organic vapors, acid gaes, ammonia, amines, formaldehyde, hydrogen fluoride, and particulate aerosols.



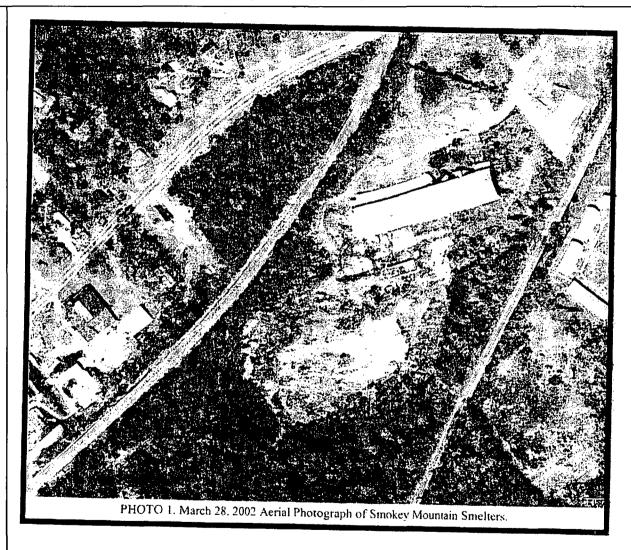
Source: EPA Standard Operating Safety Guides Publication 9285.1-03, June 1992

Note: This page must be posted on site.

Site Map (May be drawn after arrival):

Label the following on your map:

- Orientation
- Wind direction 2.
- Evacuation route 3.
- Area of safe refuge 4.
- Exclusion zone 5.
- 6. Contamination reduction zone (CRZ)
- Support zone 7.
- Location(s) of
 - hazardous materials
- Monitoring Location(s)
- Sampling location(s) 10.
- Command post 11.





Hospital Route Map (attach or insert):

Hospital maps may be obtained from http://maps.yahoo.com. Enter your site location and then click "Community Services" and select hospitals. The nearest hospitals to the site will be shown.

Your Directions

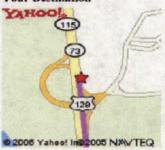
1.	Start at 1508 MARYVILLE PIKE, KNOXVILLE - go 0.2 mi	
2.	Turn R on WOODSON DR - go 1.7 mi	
3.	Turn R on ALCOA HWY - go 1.0 mi	
4.	Arrive at 1924 ALCOA HWY, KNOXVILLE	

When using any driving directions or map, it's a good idea to do a reality check and make sure the road still exists, watch out for construction, and follow all traffic safety precautions. This is only to be used as an aid in planning.

Your Full Route



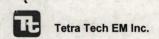
Your Destination



Address: 1924 Alcoa Hwy Knoxville, TN 37920-1511

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have read, understood, and agree with the information set forth nd guidelines established in the Tetra Tech, Inc., Health and Sa equirements	in this Health and Safety Plan fety Manual. I understand the	and will follow the direction of the training and medical requirements	Site Safety Coordinator as well as proceds for conducting field work and have met the
Name .	Signat	ure	Date
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APPROVALS (Two Signatures Required): January Harryten			311/06
APPROVALS (Two Signatures Required): Jandry Hamfor Site Safety Cod	ordinator		Date
Health and Safety Plan F			3/1/06 Date

Note:

Guidance in the "START Health and Safety Plan Approval Procedures," dated September 19, 2001, must be followed by personnel who prepare and approve any LEVEL-TWO HASP.



DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

Emergency Contacts

Work Care - For issues requiring an Occupational Health Physician; assistance is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

InfoTrac - For issues related to incidents involving the transportation of hazardous chemicals; this hotline provides accident assistance 24 hours per day, 7 days per week

U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center - For issues related to spill containment, cleanup, and damage assessment; this hotline will direct spill information to the appropriate state or region

Limitations:

The Level-Two HASP is not appropriate for:

- Projects involving UXO, radiation sources as the primary hazard, or known chemical/biological weapons site must employ the LEVEL-THREE HASP
- Projects of duration longer than one month must employ the LEVEL-THREE HASP
- Projects with more than 5 tasks must employ the LEVEL-THREE HASP

Decontamination:

Decontamination Solutions for Chemical and Biological Warfare Agents^a: PPE and equipment can be decontaminated using 0.5% bleach (1 gallon laundry bleach to 9 gallons water) for biological agents (15 minutes of contact time for anthrax spores; 3 minutes for others) followed by water rinse for chemical and biological agents. In the absence of bleach, dry powders such as soap detergents, earth, and flour can be used. The powders should be applied and then wiped off using wet tissue paper. Finally, water and water/soap solutions can be used to physically remove or dilute chemical and biological agents. Do not use bleach solution on bare skin; use soap and water. Protect decon workers from exposure to bleach.

Decontamination for Radiological and Other Chemicals: Primary decontamination should use Alconox and water unless otherwise specified in chemical specific information resources. The effectiveness of radiation decontamination should be checked using a radiation survey instrument. Decontamination procedures should be repeated until the radiation meter reads less than 100 counts per minute over a 100 square centimeter area when the probe is held 1 centimeter from the surface and moving slower than 2.5 centimeters per second.

Decontamination Corridor: The decontamination set-up can be adjusted to meet the needs of the situation. The Level A decontamination set-up is included on Page 10 because it is the most complicated and critical. When compound- and site-specific information is available, the decontamination procedures can be altered to meet the needs of the specific situation.

Decontamination Waste: All disposable equipment, clothing, and decontamination solutions will be double-bagged or containerized in an acceptable manner and disposed of with investigation-derived waste.

Decontamination Personnel: Decontamination personnel should dress in the same level of PPE or one level below the entry team PPE level.

All investigation-derived waste should be left on-site with the permission of the property owner and the EPA on-scene coordinator. In some instances, decontamination waste and investigation-derived waste will be disposed of by another contractor. DO NOT place waste in regular trash. DO NOT dispose of waste until proper procedures are established.

Notes:

^a Source: Jane's Information Group. 2002. "Jane's Chem-Bio Handbook". Page 39.



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SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

GENERAL SAFE WORK PRACTICES

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GENERAL SAFE WORK PRACTICES

To prevent injuries and adverse health effects, the following general safe work practices (SWP) are to be followed when conducting work involving known and unknown site hazards. These SWPs establish a pattern of general precautions and measures for reducing risks associated with hazardous site operations. This list is not inclusive and may be amended as necessary.

- Do not eat, drink, chew gum or tobacco, take medication, or smoke in contaminated or potentially contaminated areas or where the possibility for the transfer of contamination exists.
- Wash hands and face thoroughly upon leaving a contaminated or suspected contaminated area. A thorough shower and washing must be conducted as soon as possible if excessive skin contamination occurs.
- Avoid contact with potentially contaminated substances. Do not walk through puddles, pools, mud, or other such areas. Avoid, whenever possible, kneeling on the ground or leaning or sitting on drums, equipment, or the ground. Do not place monitoring equipment on potentially contaminated surfaces.
- Remove beards or facial hair that interfere with a satisfactory qualitative respirator fit test or routine pre-entry positive and negative pressure checks.
- Be familiar with and knowledgeable of and adhere to all instructions in the site-specific health and safety plan (HASP). At a minimum, a safety meeting will be held at the start of each project to discuss the HASP. Additional meetings will be held, as necessary, to address new or continuing safety and health concerns.
- Be aware of the location of the nearest telephone and all emergency telephone numbers.
- Attend a briefing on the anticipated hazards, equipment requirements, SWPs, emergency procedures, and communication methods before going on site.
- Plan and delineate entrance, exit, and emergency escape routes.
- Rehearse unfamiliar operations prior to implementation.
- Use the "buddy system" whenever respiratory protection equipment is in use. Buddies should establish hand signals or other means of emergency communication in case radios break down or are unavailable.
- Buddies should maintain visual contact with each other and with other on-site team members by remaining in close proximity in order to assist each other in case of emergency.

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Minimize the number of personnel and equipment in contaminated areas (such as the exclusion zone). Nonessential vehicles and equipment should remain within the support zone.

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- Establish appropriate support, contamination reduction, and exclusion zones.
- Establish appropriate decontamination procedures for leaving the site.
- Immediately report all injuries, illnesses, and unsafe conditions, practices, and equipment to the site safety coordinator (SSC).
- Maintain a portion of the site field logbook as a project safety log. The project safety log will be used to record the names, entry and exit dates, and times on site of all Tetra Tech, subcontractor, and project site visitor personnel; air quality and personal exposure monitoring data; and other information related to safety matters. Form SSC-1, Daily Site Log, may be used to record names of on-site personnel.
- A portable eyewash station should be located in the support zone if chemical splashes to eyes are possible.
- Do not bring matches and lighters in the exclusion zone or contamination reduction zone.
- Observe coworkers for signs of toxic exposure and heat or cold stress.
- Inform coworkers of nonvisual effects of illness if you experience them, such as headaches, dizziness, nausea, or blurred vision.



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SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

WORKING OVER OR NEAR WATER

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WORKING OVER OR NEAR WATER

This safe work practice (SWP) provides guidelines for working over or near bodies of water 3 or more feet deep or swiftly moving water. Workers will observe the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) specified in Title 29 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 1926.106, "Working Over or Near Water." The following sections discuss general procedures, underwater work, and cold water procedures.

1.0 GENERAL PROCEDURES

When working over or near water, the following precautions will be taken:

- All staff and team members must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) within 15 feet of a water body. Personnel will be provided with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG)-approved life jackets or work vests. The PFD should be Class III, which will support the head of an unconscious person above water.
- Life jackets and work vests will be inspected before each use.
- A USCG-approved life-saving skiff will be available.
- Under no circumstances will team members enter water bodies without protective clothing such as rubber boots or waders.
- At least one person will remain on shore as a look-out.

If a team member falls into the water, under no circumstances should another team member enter the water to rescue the person in the water. If possible, a branch, paddle, pole, or similar object should be extended to the person in the water. When the person in the water grabs the extended item, they should be pulled toward the shore or boat. If the person is unconscious, the PFD, clothing, or hair should be hooked to pull the person toward the shore or boat. Once the person has been safely retrieved, necessary emergency medical procedures should be performed by qualified personnel. If none are necessary, the retrieved team member should change into dry clothing as soon as possible after any necessary personal decontamination.

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2.0 UNDERWATER WORK

Underwater work should be performed in accordance with the procedures and guidelines of the Diving Safety Program (Document Control No. 2-15 in Volume I).

3.0 COLD WATER PROCEDURES

When the water temperature is below 45 °F, hypothermia is a serious risk. A person can loose feeling in the extremities within 5 minutes. All field staff members should be familiar with cold water survival techniques or should receive training from an American Red Cross-certified swimming instructor in cold water survival techniques when site conditions warrant such knowledge.

After a person has been rescued from cold water, he or she should change into dry clothes as soon as possible. If the person who has fallen into the water displays hypothermia symptoms, he or she should be treated immediately and taken to a medical facility. Under no circumstances should the hypothermia victim be given hot liquids because this could accelerate shock. Drinks no warmer than normal body temperature are acceptable. If symptoms are severe and evacuation to a medical facility cannot be quickly conducted, any wet clothing should be removed, the victim should be placed in blankets or sleeping bags in a sheltered location, and the rescuer should climb into the blankets or sleeping bag with victim to provide additional warmth. The victim should also be treated continuously for shock, elevating feet and monitoring the victim's pulse and breathing rate.

If a team member falls into cold water, he or she should not remove any clothing while in the water because clothing provides additional insulation. Although clothing creates an added drag while swimming, the insulation outweighs the disadvantage of the additional drag. Each team member should carry a wool hat to place on his or her head in case he or she falls into the water. A wool hat, even when wet, provides good insulation for the head, where a large amount of body heat is lost.



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SAFE WORK PRACTICES (SWP)

FLAMMABLE HAZARDS AND IGNITION SOURCES

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FLAMMABLE HAZARDS AND IGNITION SOURCES

This safe work practice (SWP) provides guidelines for handling flammable materials and controlling ignition sources in a manner that will prevent explosions and fires that may result in injuries. The guidelines also present procedures for proper flammable liquids transfer.

1.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The project manager is responsible for ensuring that the work area is evaluated for the presence of flammable hazards and ignition sources and that all precautions provided in this SWP are implemented. The project manager is also responsible for ensuring that appropriate air monitoring procedures are defined in the site-specific health and safety plan (HASP). The site safety coordinator is responsible for recognizing potential flammable hazards and ignition sources, conducting air monitoring, posting warning signs, and notifying on-site workers of the hazards.

All field personnel must know that explosion and fires at a work site may result from any of the following:

- Chemical reaction
- Ignition of explosive or flammable materials
- Agitation of shock-sensitive compounds
- Sudden release of materials under pressure

Field personnel must also understand that each flammable gas and vapor has a minimum concentration in air below which propagation of flame does not occur on contact with an ignition source. This concentration is known as the lower explosive limit (LEL) and is expressed as a percent in air. Likewise, for every flammable gas and vapor, there is also a maximum concentration of gas or vapor in air above which propagation of flame does not occur. This value is known as the upper explosive limit (UEL) and is also expressed as a percent in air. The flammable range of a particular gas or vapor is the range between the LEL and UEL where the gas-air mixture will support combustion.

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Proper precautions must be taken to protect against fire and ignition hazards, including air monitoring, elimination of ignition sources, and proper chemical handling and transfer. These precautions are discussed below.

2.0 AIR MONITORING

Monitoring for flammable or explosive atmospheres is performed using a combustible gas indicator (CGI). This instrument is designed to provide data in terms of the percent LEL. Instructions on the model use, calibration, and operating procedures shall be incorporated into the site-specific HASP as appropriate.

Because flammable gases and vapors can be heavier or lighter than air, it is important to remember that the sampling probe should be moved slowly up and down at multiple levels when monitoring for gases. Response time varies between different meters, sensor types, sample hose lengths, and accessories used.

3.0 **ELIMINATION OF IGNITION SOURCES**

The risk of fires and explosions will be reduced when ignition sources are eliminated by using the following procedures:

- Ignition sources that are not required for the completion of the project should not be allowed in the exclusion zone or contamination reduction zone at hazardous waste sites or in the vicinity of work associated with flammable materials at any site.
- Warning signs should be posted and the work zone barricaded or blocked off before any work is conducted that might release flammable gases or vapors.
- All ignition sources should be eliminated from areas where flammable gases or vapors may be present or migrate to.
- If the wind direction may carry flammable gases or vapors into areas outside the work zone where ignition sources may be present, work should not be performed without careful monitoring of concentrations at the work zone boundary.
- Sparks caused by friction or electrostatic effects should be controlled using with proper grounding and bonding procedures for transfer of flammable liquids. This requires maintaining constant contact using metal between the containers and providing a metallic route to the ground to discharge electrostatic buildup.

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Sparkless tools should be used.

4.0 PROPER CHEMICAL HANDLING AND TRANSFER

Precautions to reduce the risk of fire and explosion during chemical handling and transfer include the following:

- Liquids and residues should be removed from containers or tanks using explosion-proof or air-driven pumps.
- Pump motors and suction hoses should be bonded to the container or tank or otherwise grounded to prevent electrostatic ignition hazards.
- If a vacuum truck is used to remove liquids or residues, the area of operation for the vacuum truck should be vapor or gas free. The truck should be located upwind and outside of the path of probable gas or vapor travel. Vacuum pump exhaust gases should be discharged downwind of the truck through a hose of adequate size and length.
- After chemicals have been transferred, lines leading to the truck should be disconnected using nonsparking procedures and then the lines should be drained of their contents. Precautions should be taken to ensure that the contents of the lines do not spill into the environment during line disconnection.
- Only nonsparking or nonheat-producing tools should be used for opening containers and tanks. Electrical equipment shall also be explosion-proof.



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This safe work practices (SWP) describes situations where cold stress is likely to occur and discusses procedures for the prevention and treatment of cold-related injuries and illnesses. Cold conditions may present health risks to employees during field activities. The two primary factors that influence the risk potential for cold stress are temperature and wind velocity. Wetness can also contribute to cold stress. Other factors that increase susceptibility to cold stress include age (very young or old), smoking, alcohol consumption, fatigue, and wet clothing. Hypothermia can occur at temperatures above freezing if the individual has on wet or damp clothing or is immersed in cold water. The combined effect of temperature and wind can be evaluated using a wind chill index as shown in Table 1.

Bare flesh and body extremities that have high surface area-to-volume ratios such as fingers, toes, and ears are most susceptible to wind chill or extremely low ambient temperatures. Because cold stress can create the potential for serious injury or death, employees must be familiar with the signs and symptoms and various treatments for each form of cold stress. Table 2 provides information on frostbite and hypothermia, the two most common forms of cold-related injuries.

Training is an essential component of cold stress prevention. Employees are instructed to recognize and treat cold-related injuries during 8-hour health and safety refresher and first aid training courses. When working in cold environments, specific steps should be taken to lessen the chances of cold-related injuries. These include the following:

- Protecting of exposed skin surfaces with appropriate clothing (such as face masks, handwear, and footwear) that insulates, stays dry, and blocks wind
- Shielding the work area with windbreaks to reduce the cooling effects of wind
- Providing equipment for keeping workers' hands warm by including warm air jets and radiant heaters in addition to insulated gloves
- Using adequate insulating clothing to maintain a body core temperature of above 36 °C
- Providing extra insulating clothing on site

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TABLE 1

COOLING POWER OF WIND ON EXPOSED FLESH EXPRESSED AS EQUIVALENT TEMPERATURE

Estimated Wind				Actı	ıal Te	mper	ature	Read	ling (°F)	ŀ		
Speed (in miles per	50	40	30	20	10	0		-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
hour - mph)				Equi	valen	t Chil	I Ten	ipera	ture (°F)		
CALM	50	40	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60
5	48	37	27	16	6	-5	-15	-26	-36	-47	-57	-68
10	40	28	16	4	-9	-24	-33	-46	-58_	-70	-83	-95
15	36	22	9	-5	-18	-32	-45	-58	-72	-85	-99	-112
20	32	18	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67	-82	-96	-110	-121
25	30	16	0	-15	-29	-44	-59	-74	-88	-104	-118	-133
30	28	13	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-79	-94	-109	-125	-140
35	27	11	-4	-20	-35	-51	-67	-82	-98	-113	-129	-145
40	26	10	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-85	-100	-116	-132	-148
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Trench foot may occur at any point on this chart.

Source: Modified from American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists. 1997. "Threshold Limit Values for Chemical Substances and Physical Agents."

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TABLE 2

COLD STRESS CONDITIONS

Condition	Causes	Signs and Symptoms	Treatment
Frostbite	Freezing of body tissue, usually the nose, ears, chin, cheeks, fingers, or toes	 Pain in affected area that later goes away Area feels cold and numb Incipient frostbite (frostnip) - skin is blanched or whitened and feels hard on the surface Moderate frostbite - large blisters Deep frostbite - tissues are cold, pale, and hard 	 Move affected worker to a warm area Immerse affected body part in warm (100 to 105 °F) water—not hot! Handle affected area gently; do not rub After warming, bandage loosely and seek immediate medical treatment
Hypothermia	Exposure to freezing or rapidly dropping temperatures	 Shivering, dizziness, numbness, weakness, impaired judgment, and impaired vision Apathy, listlessness, or sleepiness Loss of consciousness Decreased pulse and breathing rates Death 	Immediately move affected person to warm area Remove all wet clothing and redress with loose, dry clothes Provide warm, sweet drinks or soup (only if conscious) Seek immediate medical treatment

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- Reducing the duration of exposure to cold
- Changing wet or damp clothing as soon as possible

During periods of extreme cold (10 °F or less) workers should use the buddy system to ensure constant protective observation.

Specific monitoring criteria are not established for cold stress. However, employees should be thoroughly cognizant of the signs and symptoms of frostbite and hypothermia (see Table 1) in themselves as well as in coworkers. All instances of cold stress should be reported to the site safety coordinator. Work schedules may be adjusted and warm-up regimes imposed as needed to deal with temperature and wind conditions.